

**ABSTRACT****AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO GENERATION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
GENERATING AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO SIGNALS**

An audio and/or video generation apparatus comprises a recording processor  
5 which is operable to record audio and/or video signals on a recording medium, a meta  
data generation processor which is operable to generate meta data identifying the  
content of the audio/video signals, and a communications processor which arranged to  
communicate the meta data separately from the recording medium.

Furthermore, the meta data generation processor may be operable to generate at  
10 least one sample image which is representative of a video image from the recorded  
video signals, and to associate the sample image with an address on the recording  
medium at which the video image is recorded. The video and/or audio generation  
apparatus provides an advantage in generating and utilising meta data to facilitate the  
generation of audio/video productions. Accordingly, a system for generating an audio  
15 and/or video production comprises an acquisition processor operable in use to receive  
instructions from a user which instructions are representative of a list of content items  
for the audio and/or video production. The audio and/or video generation apparatus is  
arranged in use to receive information representative of the list of content items, and to  
generate audio and/or video signals in accordance with the content items on the list.  
20 An ingestion processor may be provided to receive the list of content items, and the  
audio and/or video signals and to form the audio and/or video production by  
associating the audio and/ or video signals with the list of content items.

[Fig. 4]